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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Colony's Workers

THE recent House of Commons questions on factory working conditions in Hongkong indicated an interest in this subject not usually expected from the Mother of Parliaments. Mr. Oliver Lyttelton's replies were precise and reasonable. He gave the latest official figure of the number of registered factory workers; properly pointed out that peculiar conditions in Hongkong made it virtually impossible to keep track of the actual number of workers unemployed or on short time; related the principal factors contributing to unemployment in the Colony; referred to the Labour Office's constant efforts to persuade factory employers to improve their working conditions; and disclosed that a Workmen's Compensation Ordinance was expected to become legislation early next year. Because the nature of the questions called for explicit replies, it was not possible for the Secretary of State to elaborate on the subject. It was a pity, for example, that he could not indicate the steadily improving conditions for all types of workers in the Colony. They are a long way from ideal, but it can be claimed there is virtually no sweated labour prevailing here today. In the Colony's modern factories the working conditions may be said to be comparable to the best. A new and happier employer-worker relationship exists, and increasing attention is being paid to the social as well as the working comforts of employees.

MR. Lyttelton's passing reference to the Colony's trade unions hardly did justice to this important post-war development in Hongkong. The establishment of reliable trade unions essentially concerned with protecting the interests and welfare of members has been beset with a number of difficulties. The impulse to exploit them for political ends has been painfully manifest, while many of the union leaders, though thoroughly sincere in their desire to obtain the best possible conditions for their members, have discovered for themselves their administrative inexperience. For some time past, however, there have been increasing signs that the trade unions have begun to develop a new sense of responsibility. Obnoxious political influences have been removed, and demands upon employers have become more moderate and in keeping with the economic realities of the moment. Hongkong's trade unions are at last on the way to making themselves into organisations truly representative of the workers and their needs, and in so doing are rightfully winning the confidence of employers and the sympathetic interest of the general public. The fierce competition for employment which encourages the small factories owners to engage labour at the cheapest possible rates is a problem not easily to be solved, but it is a situation which challenges the trade unions, and it is they who probably can help most to correct the position.

Britain Threatened With Fish Famine

CRISIS CREATED BY ICELANDIC TRAWLER

London, Nov. 19.

The arrival of an Icelandic trawler in a British port today touched off a crisis in the Anglo-Icelandic fishing dispute and threatened Britain with a fish famine.

The 675 ton trawler, *Jon Forsetti*, defied the Grimsby trawlermen's landing ban by slipping into the fish docks in darkness and began to unload her 20,000 stone catch.

The Grimsby Trawler Officers Guild immediately announced a strike of Grimsby deep-sea fishing boats. Trawler crews at Hull, Britain's next biggest fishing port, are to decide on Friday whether to strike in sympathy.

British trawlermen had attempted to ban the landing of fish catches for the Icelandic market in retaliation for Iceland's new restrictions on international travelling within four miles of her coast, and in other fishing areas.

But the *Jon Forsetti* is being unloaded by the Island Agencies Limited, a company set up by the Icelandic Consul in Grimsby, to fight the ban.

She is the first Icelandic trawler to unload at a British port since September when the Grimsby trawlermen announced their ban.

Other port workers shouted "traitors" at the workers unloading her today. The President of the British Trawler Federation said today: "We are still open to meet for the protection of fish-breeding grounds where this is necessary. We fully support conservation but not confiscation of vast areas of the seas."

RADIO INSTRUCTION
The Captain of the *Jon Forsetti* told reporters he received a radio message at sea telling him to land his catch at Grimsby.

He was aware of the dispute between Iceland and British trawler owners, but he could not disobey instructions. The Captain added: "I will be sorry if your fleet does not sail today as a result of my landing."

In fact six trawlers set out from Grimsby today before they realised that the Icelandic catch was being unloaded. The sailing of three other trawlers was cancelled.

The Icelandic Minister in London discussed the situation with Mr. Anthony Nutting, the British Foreign Under-Secretary, at the House of Commons this afternoon. But no statement was issued after their meeting.

Shipper W. Oliver, Secretary of the Hull Trawler Officers Guild, said tonight: "The wholesale merchants will have the last word in this matter. They still have to decide whether they are going to rely on the fish supplies that can be brought in by the Icelandic trawlers."

Mr. Hurdley Woodcock, the Icelandic Fisheries attaché, told Reuters tonight: "Unloading of the *Jon Forsetti* will be resumed at midnight. This morning we unloaded 23,665 worth of fish which was promptly sold. One merchant told me that this voyage was 'like an infusion of blood to a dying person. The quality of the fish is excellent.'"

Asked whether more trawlers would try to beat the ban, Mr. Woodcock replied: "I cannot say anything about that yet."

The *Jon Forsetti* would probably sail for Reykjavik tomorrow night, he added.—Reuters.

Accused Of Sending Officer To His Death

New York, Nov. 19.

A former Marine, Everett Waldrum, 30, testified today that he witnessed the execution of an American Army captain whom former Sergeant John David Provo, now on trial for treason, is accused of sending to his death.

Waldrum identified a photograph of Captain Burton Thomson, executed by the Japanese in Corregidor in World War II.

"This is Captain Thomson, the man I saw murdered," he said.

Provo is accused of inducing the Japanese to execute Captain Thomson for not co-operating with his captors after Corregidor fell to the Japanese.

Witness said he drove the captain and three Japanese to the Corregidor airstrip. He said: "They took Captain Thomson out and tied him to a bush and shot him."

COUNSEL OBJECTS

A Japanese war criminal, called from Sugamo Prison in Tokyo to testify against Provo, had hardly begun his testimony in Japanese when defence counsel objected that the translation was not accurate.

The witness, Seitaro Fujita, 32, now serving 30 years with hard labour, was said to be the sergeant who ordered Waldrum to drive him to pick up Captain Thomson the day the captain was shot.

Fujita testified that he was serving a sentence because "of the crime I have committed of obeying the illegal command of my superior officer."

Counsel objected that Fujita actually said in Japanese that he was imprisoned "for the shooting of the captain on Corregidor." The Judge adjourned the trial until tomorrow and defence counsel said they would try to obtain another interpreter.—United Press.

Food Minister's Coronation Concession Hint

London, Nov. 19.

The Food Minister, Major Lloyd George, said today he may be able to permit the roasting of a few whole oxen in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II next June.

It was sensational news in a land where the weekly meat ration is one shilling eight pence worth and averages a thin piece about as big as a medium-sized human hand.

Roasting an ox is a traditional British way to celebrate the crowning of a new monarch.

Major Lloyd George told the House of Commons he has received requests from various groups for permission to observe the rite.

"I shall make a statement in good time," he said.

He gave no inkling of where the extra meat could be obtained.

Labourite Peter Freeman declared that in view of the meat shortage, Major Lloyd George should "bear in mind the boiling and distaste with which such

obscene exhibitions would be held in the minds of every decent citizen."

The only ox publicly roasted in Britain since pre-war days was barbecued last June to celebrate the 600th Anniversary of Corpus Christi College of Cambridge University.

The meat was donated by the Chamber of Commerce of Corpus Christi. The Chamber also sent along C. Shely, a barbecue expert, to handle the roasting in person.—Associated Press.



Convicts Rioted To Cover Escape Plan

Jackson, Nov. 19.

Six convicts touched off a Southern Michigan prison riot to cover up a planned escape attempt. Deputy Warrant Charles Cahill, said today.

The riot of 2,200 inmates was set off in the dining hall last night when one prisoner rose from his seat and yelled the spaghetti is "rotten" and the coffee is salted.

Truce Plan Dispute

ONLY ONE POINT AT ISSUE

United Nations, Nov. 19.

Objections to the Indian proposal to end the Korean deadlock now appear to have boiled down to one main point—the way in which it is proposed to deal with prisoners of war who do not want to go home.

The Indian plan would place them under the control of a repatriation commission. Failing an agreement after 90 days their fate would be decided by a full-dress political conference on Korea and related Asian problems.

Virtually all the leading Western delegations, it is learned, agree that this procedure would be fraught with difficulties. It might result in keeping several thousand prisoners in "indefinite custody."

Official sources emphasised that on this point there was absolutely no disagreement between the American, British and French views.

SOME CRITICISM

Some delegates have criticised the manner in which an American spokesman rejected the Indian proposal before hearing a full explanation from its author, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the Indian representative.

A sub-committee of eight nations with troops in Korea today cancelled a meeting for further talks on the Indian plan.

Earlier, it was announced that Sir Percy Spender, of Australia had been elected as Chairman of the sub-committee, which is meeting in private.

The sub-committee representing the 21 countries with troops in Korea is trying to re-work sections of the Indian proposal to make them acceptable to both sides and yet retain the general form of the original resolution, which Mr. Menon said Peking had already approved.

Sir Percy would probably address the Political Committee tomorrow offering the recommendations of his sub-committee, an Australian delegation spokesman said.—Reuters.

Grim Indo-China Battle

STORY TOLD BY SURVIVORS

Hanoi, Nov. 19.

Survivors of the Indo-China war's most bloody single battle said today that French Foreign Legionnaires fought hand to hand with knives and bayonets while French artillery fired over open sights into fanatic Vietminh Communists who attacked a Franco-Vietnamese column withdrawing from Phuto.

The story of the five-hour engagement, described by French Headquarters as the "most violent single battle of the war" was told at a press conference by Colonel Louis de Kergaravat, French commander of the rearguard that covered the withdrawal from a two-day probe into Vietminh defences in the Thai country.

The commander said an armoured convoy was returning, on orders, to its base at Vietri, 45 miles southeast of Phuto, when it saw what appeared to be some four battalions of friendly soldiers standing on a hillside half a mile away.

These proved to be a Vietminh force, "doped" on rice whiskey, who, heedless of the hail of fire poured along Colonial Route 2 by French tanks and armoured cars, charged down on the section of the convoy in which the Foreign Legion units were travelling.

OVERWHELMED

The Legionnaires leaped out of their tracks and met the enemy with knives and bayonets, but they were overwhelmed by the numbers, the colonel said.

The Communists then dug in around an old Chinese fort near the roadway and swept the French column with bazookas, mortar and machinegun fire.

French 155mm and 105mm field guns opened up on the rebel positions over open sights. Colonel Kergaravat said the rearguard force then organised to knock out the Communist positions but the Vietminh fanatics refused to give up and each post had to be cleared with bayonets and grenades.

French tanks and half-tracks tried to run the gauntlet of Vietminh fire to force a passage down the roadway, but one tank was knocked out by the bazookas and blocked the route. Six half-tracks jammed behind it were easily picked off by Communist machine-guns.

Finally, as dusk fell, the Franco-Vietnamese column succeeded in forcing a passage a mile wide and the convoy sped through to safety after evacuating its wounded, the colonel continued.

He said the Vietminh must have suffered "incredible" losses, while French casualties numbered only 150.

Jet Flies At Nearly 700 Miles An Hour

Thermal, Calif., Nov. 19.

A Sabre jet interceptor plane flashed over a 40-mile measured course today at a speed of nearly 700 miles an hour, with Air Force and North American Aviation Company officials claiming a new world's record had been set.

The F-86-D interceptor was piloted by Captain J. Slado Nash of Dowd Base on the course near Salton Sea in the Upper Imperial Valley. The Sabre jet made the run with full rocket armament and was timed by selected timers who estimated that Captain Nash had exceeded the old record of 670.081 miles an hour by somewhere near 20 miles an hour.

Captain Nash flew the plane at an altitude of only about 100 feet over the course, part of which crosses the Sea—a hollow sea level body of water on the California desert.—United Press.

Torch Singer & Drummer Married

London, Nov. 19.

Miss Pearl Bailey, Negro torch singer who had three previous husbands and white jazzman, Louis Bellson, Jr., who climbed to fame by beating two bass drums at once, wed today in London's Caxton Hall.

They started their married life in a London drizzle to the accompaniment of a bebop-band playing boogie woogie. The drizzle and band greeted them as they emerged from the Hall and into a narrow street a few blocks from Westminster Abbey.

Bellson whose wealthy father tried to stop the marriage went through a brief civil ceremony wrapped in a long overcoat and scarf. They were worn, he said, to hide the borrowed blue suit which Pearl said was far too baggy. His own wardrobe has not yet caught up with his hurried flight here for the ceremony.

Stage and screen actor, Jose Ferrer, the intended chief witness to the ceremony also failed to catch up with the bride couple. He was delayed in the London traffic jam.

Nightclub owner, Siegi Sessler, took Ferrer's place. Heavy drizzle kept down the crowds which usually throng to Caxton Hall for marriages of celebrities.—United Press.

GAOLED FOR HOOLIGANISM

Moscow, Nov. 19.

A British seaman, George Edward Robinson, 30, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment on charges of "hooliganism" by a Soviet justice court in the north Russian port of Oleg, the British Embassy announced here today.

An Embassy spokesman said the sentence was disclosed in a Soviet Foreign Ministry note to the Embassy last Monday.—Reuters.

PARIS GETS 3 INS OF SNOW

Paris, Nov. 19.

Paris was blanketed today by three inches of snow—unusual for mid-November.—The snow slowed traffic and hampered operations at air ports.

Hundreds of amateur photographers were out snapping the snow-covered Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and other snowcapped Paris landmarks.—Associated Press.

Teachers' And Parson Banned

Cape Province, Nov. 19.

An African clergyman, and two African teachers were told by the police today that they would be banned for six months from carrying on their professions.

The three were amongst five ordered on November 8 by the South African Minister of Justice, Mr. Charles Swart, not to attend any gathering in the Union for six months.

Today's ban, the police told, followed a ruling that school classes and church congregations were "gathering" within the meaning of the minister's order.—Reuters.

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Admission Of Spain

UPROAR IN UNESCO

Phris, Nov. 19.

Spain's admission today to membership of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) had a dramatic sequel in a Socialist body's withdrawal of its affiliation and in the resignation of a member of the Belgian delegation.

The proceedings admitting Spain to membership were accompanied by an uproar in the public gallery, where French anarchists hurled pamphlets attacking the vote for admission of Spain to the UN body.

In addition to Spain, Nepal and Libya were admitted to membership.

Nepal and Libya were unanimously voted to membership, while the voting on Spain was 44 to 4. There were seven abstentions and three absences.

Spain's admission was greeted by loud applause from the crowded assembly hall.

The roll call vote showed that Burma, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Mexico voted against the motion.

Abstentions were Denmark, India, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Holland.

Countries with representatives at the congress but not present at the vote were Korea, Cuba and Saudi Arabia.

A group of young French anarchists caused a sensation at the opening of today's debate when they stood up in the gallery and began hurling hundreds of pamphlets down on the delegates seated below.

The pamphlets bore on one side a photograph of Hitler greeting a smiling General Franco with the heavy black headlines: "Have you forgotten that?" and "We have not forgotten."

The other side of the pamphlet said: "UNESCO, which honours the ignoble dictator of Spain, ally of Hitler and Mussolini, has done nothing to wipe out illiteracy which is encouraged by the Church and Franco's Falange movement in Spain."

The leaflet was signed by the French Anarchist Federation. The UNESCO attendants quickly cleared the packed gallery of the demonstrators and the debate went on.

SOCIALISTS QUIT
Immediately after the President, Dr. Radhakrishnan, had announced that Spain was now a member of the world body, a representative of the International Federation of Socialist Youth went up to the rostrum and said that his organisation was withdrawing forthwith from its affiliation to UNESCO.

At the end of proceedings today Professor Marcel Florenin, a member of the Belgian delegation and a former member of UNESCO's Executive Board, handed in his resignation in two letters addressed to the Director-General and to the leader of his own delegation.

A bid by Nationalist China, UNESCO's biggest debtor, to regain her voting rights, suffered its first setback today, when the Administrative Commission rejected a request for a lower financial contribution from Nationalist China.

The Commission voted by 18 to 16 with seven abstentions against the Chinese request.

The whole question of Nationalist China's eligibility will now be considered in a plenary session of the conference tomorrow.—Reuter.



Lieutenant-General Sir Willoughby Norrie, the new Governor-General of New Zealand, and his wife, are seen leaving their London hotel with their two youngest children, Sarah, aged 9, and Annabel Adelaide, aged 6, on their way to New Zealand where Sir Willoughby will take up his position. Also in the picture is 25-year-old Rosemary Norrie, Sir Willoughby's daughter by his first marriage, who is staying in England. —Express Photo.

Right Wing Socialists Attacked

Outburst In The Russian Press

Moscow, Nov. 19.
The Soviet Press delivered today what is regarded by observers here as the strongest attack to date on the Right Wing Socialists of Japan and Europe.

The attack included the Socialist Parties of Japan, France, Italy, Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Austria and West Germany. At the same time the Soviet Press paid considerable attention to the Japanese in other articles.

"Right Wing Socialists, helped by other bourgeois allies, have thrown overboard the standard of bourgeois Democratic freedoms," one commentator wrote. "Each military adventure of the imperialists finds support of Right Wing Socialist leaders. Seized with furious hatred for the Democratic camp, the Right Wing Socialist double-dealers undertake with ardour any dirty task if only it is directed against the Soviet Union and countries of Peoples' Democracy."

(World Communists have been instructed by the Kremlin to make considerable noise about "bourgeois freedoms"—that is, the guarantees of civil rights in constitutions of non-Communist countries. Communists evidently are under instructions to make use of such rights to the utmost.)

George M. Malenkov, leading figure of the USSR Communist Party Secretariat, attacked Right Wing Socialists in his report to the 19th Party Congress in October. Taking up the same theme, commentators yesterday wrote in the trade union newspaper Trud today that "Right Wing Socialist traitors actively support all America's plans for arming Western Europe."

JAPAN ATTACKED
The paper reported that "rank and file" Socialists now are joining the united front being forged by the Communists.

Four separate articles were devoted to Japan in today's papers. One accused the United States of trying to hasten Japan into a Pacific alliance. Another attacked the Government of Premier Shigeru Yoshida in a story saying many protests were made against the arrest of Japanese who attended the recent Communist-led Asian peace conference in Peking. A third story reported the Japanese National Security Administration was working out a plan to increase the size of its corps to 300,000 men. The fourth, calling Japan "the arsenal of American aggressors," reported that the President of a Japanese aircraft company, S. Ioku, reached agreement with a U.S. plane company for production of aircraft.—Associated Press.

QMG Coming To HK

London, Nov. 19.
General Sir Ouvry L. Roberts, Quartermaster-General, is to visit British troops in Singapore, Hong-kong and Korea in the near future. It was announced tonight.

General Roberts will leave London by Comet plane on November 27.—France-Press.

Middle East Rumours

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 19.
The departure of the United States Ambassador, Monnet Davis on a week's tour of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, touched off a new wave of rumours today of impending Israeli Arab peace talks.

The United States Embassy said that Mr Davis was merely visiting fellow ambassadors in other Middle East capitals. The trip was of a routine nature and involved no high-level policy move.

Reports, which originated in the United States, said the Big Three were renewing efforts to bring the hostile parties to the discussion table.—United Press.

Pacific Queen Going To UK

Auckland, Nov. 19.
Queen Salote of Tonga—the Pacific's Friendly Isles—will be the guest of the British Government at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II next year.

One of the world's reigning queens, Salote has ruled the Tonga British Protectorate since 1918. She will stay at St James' Palace. It will be her first visit to Britain.—Associated Press.

Italian Strike Call

Rome, Nov. 19.
Workers in Italy's petroleum and methane gas industries tonight called for a 24-hour general strike tomorrow to press for higher wages.—Reuter.

SUCCESSOR TO B-36 TO BE MASS-PRODUCED

Seattle, Nov. 19.

The Boeing Airplane Company, which designed and manufactured thousands of the B-17 Flying Fortresses for World War II, is ready to start mass production of what officials describe as the world's more powerful jet bomber, the B-52 Strato-Fortress.

This aircraft, equipped with eight jet engines which provide 75,200 pounds of thrust, has undergone the final acceptance tests by the United States Air Force.

Funds have been allocated for its production at an undisclosed rate but one that is certain to be more than one a day when the production line moves into high gear.

The Strato-Fortress is the successor to the B-36 intercontinental bomber which have been produced in various models with power ranging from six piston engines to six engines plus four jet engines. The B-36 was capable of transporting ten tons of bombs over 10,000 miles.

"Our Strato-Fortress can do anything the B-36 could and then do some more," Mr. William B. Beale, senior Vice-President of the Boeing Company explained when civilians were allowed a quick glance at the new jet aircraft.

While specific performance specifications of the Strato-Fortress are classified as secret, these assumptions were not denied by the builders and designers.

AUTOMATIC AIDS

1. The Strato-Fortress has a gross weight of more than 100 tons.
2. Provision is made for a crew of six, as compared with 21 on the B-36, but the aircraft may be assigned for operational missions with only three crewmen.

3. The aircraft is practically an "electrical flying machine" with automatic aids for pilot, navigator, radar operator, and bombardier. Within its fuselage is more than 250 miles of electrical wiring. Inside the various devices connecting the devices is 27 miles of wiring. The plane has at least 23 radio antennas.

4. The aircraft does not depend upon speed alone for defence against enemy fighters. In the tail is an extrusion which has a distinct resemblance to the tail gun of a B-17 or B-29 Fortress. This gun will be sighted and fired by remote control, probably from the forward cockpit. There also is reason to assume that the Strato-Fortress will fire rockets or guided missiles in its own defence.

5. The aircraft bomb load will be more than 10 tons and the bomb bays will be capable of carrying not only the atom bomb but the hydrogen bomb when it is developed to an "operational state."

TAIL PARACHUTE

6. The range of the Strato-Fortress will permit it to operate from North American bases to targets in Europe east of Berlin.

7. The plane does not need exceptionally long runways for take off and landing. Standard commercial airports with runways at least 6,000 ft. long can serve as bases. When the Strato-Fortress took off for its demonstration flight here, it was airborne at the 4,600-foot mark. When it landed it was braked to taxi speed in just under 4,000 feet with the aid of a tail parachute so large that six men make up the chute recovery crew.

The United States Air Force is betting a considerable sum of money on the quality of this heavy bomber. It is part of a production programme which Mr Beale describes as the "great expenditure for a single weapon in the history of any nation." He mentions as committed to production of the B-47, an earlier six-jet bomber, and then B-52, is 10,000,000,000 dollars (B).

This bomber was ordered more than ten years ago when the late President Roosevelt and the British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, held their historic Atlantic Conference in 1941 before the United States became an active belligerent in World War II.

Then, Mr Beale recalled, the President and the Prime Minister considered the possibility that Europe might be over-run, England lost as an outpost for the liberation forces and the battle would have to be carried to the Nazi force from North America. They decided a bomber which could operate across the Atlantic.

The B-17 was already in production. An intermediate bomber, the Super-Fortress B-29, was produced and saw service in the Pacific. But all the time the Boeing designers and engineers were working on the B-52, now just about to go into production.—Reuter.

ADENAUER REMAINS CONFIDENT

Bonn, Nov. 19.

Despite his dramatic Parliamentary defeat last night, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is still confident he can get the European Army Pact and Bonn peace contract ratified before Christmas. Government circles reported today.

A revolt of at least 15 of Dr Adenauer's coalition supporters upset the Chancellor's plans to get the twin pacts ratified next week. The Lower House voted 179 to 166 for further delay. Four of Adenauer's own Christian Democratic Party abstained and 53 Deputies were absent.

Pro-Government newspapers played down Dr Adenauer's personal defeat. They attributed the revolt more to resentment over French actions in the Saar than to outright opposition to the European army plan that would put 500,000 German soldiers into the Western defence system.

In London, the Foreign Office viewed the delay as disappointing but not shattering. It said the adverse vote hinged on procedure rather than principle. The British seemed to think that Dr Adenauer will yet be able to carry his Parliament with him when the agreements themselves come up for exhaustive debate.

The Communist Press crowded over the delay. "Taegliche Rundschau," Russia's official mouthpiece in East Germany, called Tuesday "a black day for the Adenauer regime" and said the Chancellor's defeat came because many Deputies of his Government coalition were "getting cold feet" over putting German troops in the European army.—Associated Press.

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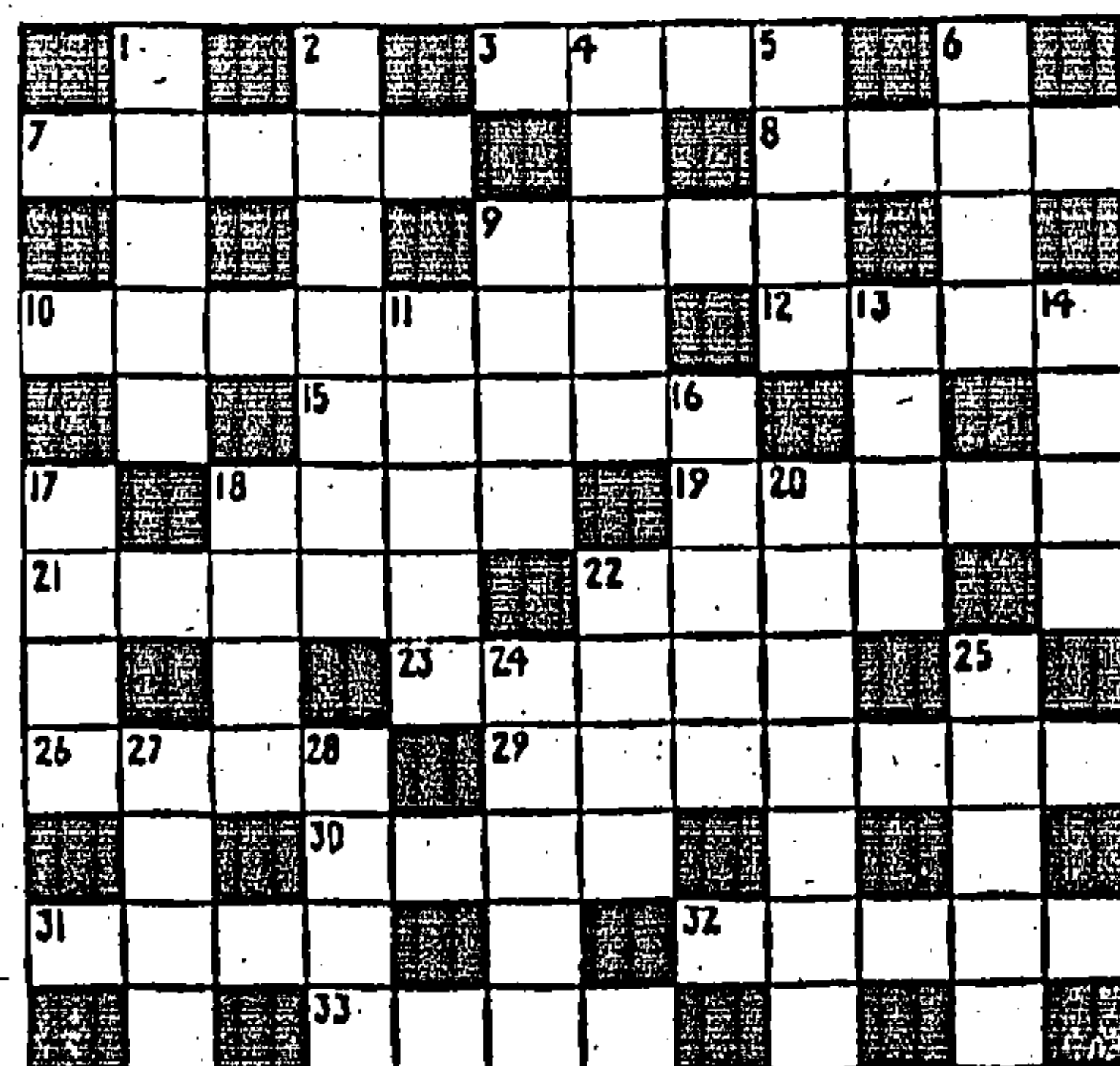
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- 7 Colour (5).
- 8 Imaginary line about which a body rotates (4).
- 9 Self-satisfied (4).
- 10 Disturb (7).
- 12 Discover (4).
- 15 Speak (5).
- 18 Vessel (4).
- 20 Margin (5).
- 21 Essays (6).
- 22 Bundle (4).
- 23 Eat away (4).
- 26 Employer (5).
- 30 Build (7).
- 30 Cylinder (4).
- 31 Meditate (4).
- 32 Desire eagerly (5).
- 33 Soften (4).

DOWN

- 1 Likeness (5).
- 2 Put back (7).
- 4 Heavenly body (5).
- 5 Horse (4).
- 6 Bathing-place (4).
- 9 Animal (4).
- 11 Get Up (5).
- 13 Minute passage (4).
- 14 Rank (4).
- 16 Dodge (5).
- 17 Wound (4).
- 18 Prejudice (4).
- 20 Voter (7).
- 22 Drill (4).
- 24 Insurgent (5).
- 25 Cut apart (5).
- 27 Burden (4).
- 28 Check (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Hectic, 7 Box, 9 Arson, 10 Mason, 11 Tour, 13 Reservoirs, 15 Atom, 16 Peat, 19 Discontent, 22 Door, 24 Preen, 25 Badge, 26 Roil, 27 Yields. Down: 2 Eases, 3 Tenor, 4 Common, 5 Distract, 6 Menu, 8 Boost, 12 Remit, 18 Rapid, 14 Entirely, 17 Adore, 19 Scanty, 20 Noble, 21 Ended, 23 Open.

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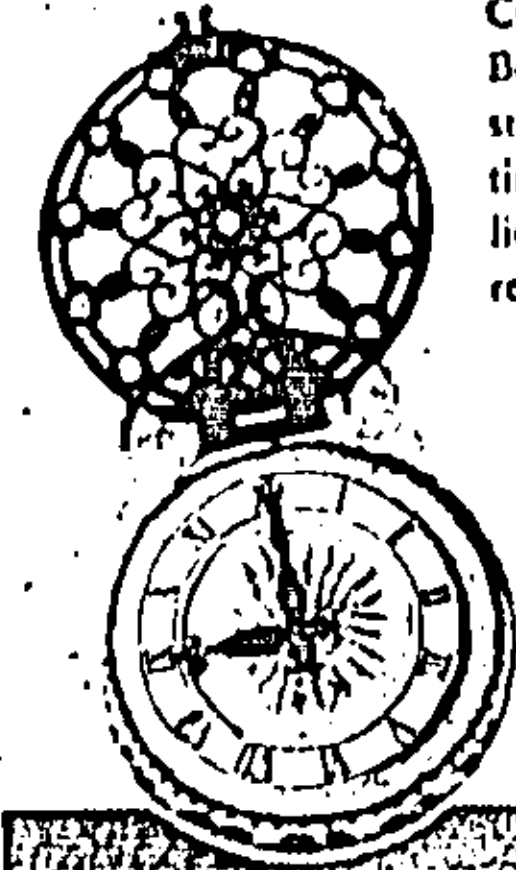
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TOP SECRET

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It was the Prime Minister who revealed to the world my actual status—that I had disappeared to Russia, but that I was a plumber and not a famous atomic scientist after all.

The Russians thought it might be bluff to deceive them at first. But the scientists at the Red atomic centre soon ended that.

Zekov came to me in a fury. "It is true, then, that you are nothing but a plumber?"

"Not a plumber," I said proudly. "A sanitary engineer."

"You brought plans with you?" Zekov asked.

"I've burned them," I replied, pointing at a heap of ashes in the grate. "I also burned the plans of your atom bomb. By mistake, of course."

They didn't believe me. A couple of hefty MVD types manhandled me roughly into a sleigh and took me back to Moscow, and thence to the Lubianka Prison.

Zekov came to see me. "We shall soon know all," he said, pleasantly. "You will be put under a truth drug."

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I told the truth all right, under the drug. But when they searched Tania's coat, the plans weren't there. They decided to release me for a few days—in the hope that I should lead them to the plans.

How could I, when I didn't know where they were?

The first thing I did was to go back to the hotel in Moscow. I knew I had to escape somehow. But how?

I went up to Tania's room. She was packing to go to Berlin with the "Peace" delegation, but from the look on her face I could see she was overjoyed to see me.

She kept shouting at me that I was a filthy British capitalist and kissing me at the same time—which I put down to the peculiar ways of women in Russia, until she pointed to the microphone under the table.

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After which I would embrace her and say "You horrible Red!" and then she would kiss me back and scream: "Swish war-monger!" We did this for a long time.

In between these fraternal get-togethers, Tania managed to convey to me that my only hope was to get to Berlin. Zekov was going there, too. "Zekov's fur coat is exactly like mine," she said. "The plans are obviously in his lining. You must try to come with us."

"There's only one way to do that," I told her, remembering the friendly looks Stalin had cast at me during the banquet. "I'm going to see old Joe himself in the Kremlin."

Which is what I did. I pointed out that I had hidden plans of the Russian atom bomb, but I could stop them getting out of the country and into the hands of the West on one condition. If he let me get to Berlin and cross the border into the Western zone, I would hand over the plans just before I did so.

Stalin twinkled his eyes at me and nodded his head. I suppose he had forgotten the Russian word for Yes.

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When we got to Berlin, all Tania had time to do was brush against me and whisper: "I'll join you somehow," and then she was off with her "Peace" delegation. But Zekov came over and shook my hand.

Suddenly, from the ruins, spring Russians with tommy guns

By LEONARD MOSLEY

"You really mean to say you got them to swallow that ridiculous story?" he asked. "That you smuggled the British and Russian plans out of Russia and all the way to Berlin?"

"That's right, Commissar Zekov," I said.

"How?"

"A Russian chap I know took them for me."

"A Russian?" asked Zekov, astounded. "If it's true, the traitor will be shot."

"For your sake, commissar," I said, "I hope not."

I pulled from my pocket a postcard map of Berlin. "Here's the Potsdammerplatz—and the edge of the British zone," I said. "Come on, let's go."

We drove to the Potsdammerplatz and then got out of the car. Zekov looked around and asked where were the plans. I grabbed his coat and fumbled with the lining. The two envelopes were there. I took the one marked TOP SECRET and handed the Red plan over to Zekov.

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Suddenly the commissar went pale. "You mean I brought them to Berlin? You have signed my death warrant?"

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I took one look at them and hopped over the nearest wall. Then the chase began. I nipped across roofs, I crawled through rubble. For half an hour I took refuge among the "Peace" procession, pretending to be an Irish delegate.

I reached the American zone and raced towards them shouting: "Up the Yanks!"

"They took one look at me—I was wearing a 'Peace' rosette, 'Cripes,' said one M.P., 'a limey.'"

"Yeah," said another, "and a limey commie, too. Throw the so-and-so back among his friends."

So the chase was on again. It reached its climax a couple of hours later. Zekov and Tania were leading the hunt for me, followed by hordes of MVD. I dashed out of a bombed area and raced for the safety of the British zone.

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The film "Top Secret" is produced by Robert Clark, directed by Mario Zampi.



Many Thanks To Mr Eden

New York, Tuesday. A enormous Union Jack flies from the flagpole of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in honour of Mr Anthony Eden, who is staying there.

So far, the hotel, its staff and its residents have seen very little of Mr Eden who is spending long hours at the United Nations headquarters and merely uses the Waldorf to catch a little sleep or eat a quick meal.

Although the Foreign Secretary has been here only a few days, he has done a lot to counter the painful impression of Americans that the British are wary of President-elect Eisenhower.

Almost as soon as he stepped off the aeroplane Mr Eden said that Mr Eisenhower was "a very old friend of ours," known to the British people for his leadership in peace as well as war.

And in between these tributes, Mr Eden made graceful references to Governor Stevenson.

This skilled exercise in diplomacy has made the Americans feel a good deal better about our attitude to the election results.

Eden is second only to Winston Churchill as the most popular Englishman to visit the United States.

When he held a Press conference the other day there was a warm flow of good will. I dropped in to watch the Foreign Secretary in action. He was polished, urbane, witty. He was considerate of the most bungling questioner.

Change of pace

HE did not even look startled when one not over-bright reporter asked him whether he would be accompanying Mr Eisenhower to Korea. He merely said he had heard of no such suggestion and had to be back in London on November 27 for the British Commonwealth meeting.

After all the fury and frenzy of the election campaign, the harsh shouting and muddled melee during the meetings, I found Mr Eden's Press conference soothing, dignified, authoritative.

I have enjoyed Mr Eisenhower's wide and wonderful smile and his natural grace and vigour in gymnastics with his arms. I have relished Mr Stevenson's puns and limericks. But Eden is proving a pleasant change of pace.

He heads a very strong British team at the United Nations.

By contrast, the Americans at the moment don't know where on earth they are. Secretary of State Dean Acheson is here, but is slated for the sack, and none of the others in the United States delegation can do anything until they know what Mr Eisenhower's plans are.

We have all had a dizzy and delightful time during the elec-

tion campaign, but the truth is the Western world's policies have been virtually paralysed for the past five months. The paralysis could last another two months before the inauguration of Eisenhower, unless the President-elect decides on action in the U.N.

The delegates are wandering around their big glass house in circles. They are chattering at the bars: "Eisenhower must give the signal; Eisenhower must support the American-backed resolution on the Korean truce; Eisenhower must send his special representative here."

But like so far does not seem to be listening. He is playing golf in Georgia and is talking about taxes and the Budget. It looks as if his repeated pledge to cut taxes is going to be one of the first orders of business.

This is making most Americans happy and many Europeans miserable. The diplomats, who don't pay taxes, anyway, say: "It just can't be done. What about Europe?"

This attitude jars me. There is far too much dependence upon the United States and its pocket-book. Every time the United States sneezes it should not mean that Europe has a cold.

Our officials and business men, anyway, are showing a sturdier spirit. Even during the election campaign the British did not neglect to press the "trade, not aid" attitude.

I hope Mr Eden, if he confers with Mr Eisenhower, will emphasise that we do not want a thin dime or dollar as gift or loan. We want to trade; we intend to sell.

Hoover hangover

THOUGH stocks ramped up when Eisenhower topped in, financiers here seem rather apprehensive. Wall Street surveys the brisk trading with suspicion.

Almost everyone seems to be expecting some sort of painful adjustment. There is a Hoover hangover these mornings after the rollicking party.

We can only hope that Dr Eisenhower, who is now being looked upon as the American father-image, is much more cheerful than his patients, who seem to be suffering from a mild case of hypochondria, which could be severe.

Outwardly New York looks prosperous enough to burst at the seams. The stores are bulging with goods. They do 25 per cent of their year's business during November and December, and the attitude of the managers is that, whatever happens in 1953, the boom will be big and bounding until the end of this year.

Christmas is being moved up to assist in the process. We are not yet singing carols or putting up mistletoe and holly, but the shops are full of Christmas decorations. Florida fashions are in the windows, but inside the shops it looks like Christmas.

Every year Christmas is advanced by impatient New Yorkers, and if we are not careful we will be giving sleighbells in midsummer.

British visitors are always astonished at this restless tampering with the calendar. In fact, they are invariably astonished by almost everything about New York.

Reminder of home

SACHEVERELL Sitwell has been passing through, and says: "New York is a curious mixture in a mad way of Venice, Amsterdam, and Constantinople. The air is so stimulating that I wake up at six in the morning and feel much better than I do in England."

Mr Sitwell, you would not feel so well if you had lived here as long as I have.

Actually, the past few days have reminded me of London in November. A thick pall of smoke-like fog has enveloped the city. At first I thought that it was perhaps the smoke of the election battle being borne out to sea, but it turns out to be the result of forest fires in New York State. Embittered Democrats are calling it Republican smog.

The happiest people now that the election is over are show folk. They took a bad beating in election week, with almost all the population wailing at their television sets, but now there is a surge of audiences to the cinema and theatres.

The British play "Dial M for Murder" is one of the best thrillers Broadway has enjoyed for a long time, and Maurice Evans seems to be glad to be free of Shakespeare and Shaw.

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WOMEN AND THE COLOUR BAR

A Tory MP speaks out

Mr Alport's book, if it does nothing else, should help to dispel this disastrous error. Although gold and diamonds were often the magnet that drew men to Africa, there was a most important element of idealism, too.

The impulse behind British exploration in West and East Africa was two-fold: a desire to convert pagans to Christianity, and a desire to abolish the "Slave Trade," an institution whose brutality has, only been paralleled in modern times by Nazi concentration camps and the forced labour colonies of Soviet Russia.

The Slave Trade, could only have been destroyed by the British; its abolition has been an unqualified boon to the Africans.

The idea that the history of the British in Africa has been one of gross exploitation for enormous profits is most misleading.

In fact, although great individual fortunes were made, great risks were taken and great losses incurred, Mr Alport points out that over a long period of years the average rate earned by the colonial investor in Africa was no more than he would have obtained if he had put his capital in gilt-edged securities at home.

Of the immense economic advantages which this investment has brought to the Africans there can be no shadow of doubt.

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Mr Alport is an optimist. He points out that the impact upon Africa of the British has been rather as if men from the Iron

THERE are few subjects upon which more rubbish is regularly written than that of Africa. This is particularly unfortunate, since African affairs have been so prominent in recent times—Seretse Khama, Dr Malan, Federation in Rhodesia, the Groundnuts Disaster.

It is therefore a most welcome change to read a book as stimulating and free from the usual prejudices as Mr C. J. M. Alport's "Hope in Africa."

Mr Alport, a young Conservative MP, has tried to examine in a dispassionate spirit—a most difficult problem. What part can and should be played by British imperialism in Africa today?

IDEALISM

It is a subject which Conservatives have far too often in the past abandoned to the tender mercies of the Left. Indeed, the whole generation brought up after 1918 has been inclined to regard the very existence of the British Empire in Africa and elsewhere with a strong if undefined sense of guilt.

"To the average postwar mind," writes Mr Alport, "Empire" for all Lord Beaverbrook's passionate advocacy, represented a mass of ancient wrongs."

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Mr Alport deals candidly with the colour bar, a question which has received great publicity because of the marriage of Seretse Khama. He points out that it has only reached its present form since the arrival of European women in Africa and Asia. The early Dutch settlers in the Cape had no hesitation in taking Hottentot wives.

The psychological basis of the colour bar, in Mr Alport's opinion, comes from the vast gulf dividing the African from the European woman.

It is a deep-seated fear that any relaxation of the social barrier will ultimately lead to mixed marriages and lower the status of the African woman to that of the African man, a status characterised by polygamy, bride price, and other sexual usages of a repellent nature described by Mr Alport.

THE GULF

As long as this gulf exists—and it is really the gulf between barbarism and civilisation—the colour bar will continue. Only a revolution in the habits and mentality of African women, and men, could end it.

Yet the colour bar is one of the most dangerous weapons of Communism in Africa.

If its existence is inevitable, we can at least avoid its unnecessary extension. Mr Alport instances an extreme case where an East African club tried to ban one of its residents from entertaining a member of the Egyptian royal family although his skin was as white as that of most Europeans.

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WAHOOS AND DODGERS THE ONLY UNBEATEN TEAMS IN THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By "KEYSTONE"

With regular League play fast approaching the half-way mark, only two teams in the Softball League's four divisions retain unbeaten records.

In the Ladies' Division, the Old Champion Wahoos have defeated every other team in the circuit, including their old rivals the Squaws.

The Owls bid fair to complete their regular game schedule without a single loss, as the only serious opposition they could expect in the second round of play would logically be put up by the Squaws who, however, are being plagued with player losses.

Actually, although they have two defeats against their record, the Squaws are the only outfit able to clip the soaring wings of the Wahoo Owls, and it would be a pity if this team of fine players were to permit relatively minor issues to

jeopardize their chances for the Ladies' Division Championship. Sharing second place with the Squaws are Ella China's South China fasses, who have been dishing up much-improved ball this year. Their proudest triumph this season has been their tight first-round win over their rivals from Pool To.

The schoolgirls' squad, however, isn't through with South China by any means, and the next meeting of these two Chinese girls' teams will be another keen fight. While members Frank Poon and Willie Woo sadly exchange views on how to extricate themselves from the embarrassing position, the bottom-place CAA and Pandas teams are engaged in a mortal struggle whereby one keeps its head above water by forcing the other under.

Both of these unfortunate teams include some very promising young girls in their line-ups, but lack of tournament experience and team-work has forced upon them a series of discouraging, basketball-score defeats.

ALL BEFORE THEM

In the Junior Division, Fred Diesta's Dodgers gang have swept all before them so far, having met and beaten every other team in their league except the cellar-dwelling Chinese Athletics.

With a "perfect" score of three losses in as many starts, the unsteady Athletics are not likely to create any upset when they meet the League-leaders.

Rennie Barretto's Blackhaws, swooping along hot on the heels of the leading pennant-chasers, are not out of the race by any chance, having been robbed of an initial win only by Dodgers' shortstop Onofre Souza's miracle-homer in the last inning.

The fast, hard-hitting Hawks will be tearing into the Dodgers, bank and claw, to dislodge them from first place in their next encounter.

Also smuggled down to the cozy second berth, the Panda Cubs, hardly out of the milk-teeth stage, have been lucky to tuck away wins in three starts, thanks chiefly to the outstanding efforts of husky young hurler Clyde Kwok and the wily coaching of Wally Ma.

M. Cooper and his 35 Bantams have been heavily engaged in rearguard actions thus far but, considering the rapid improvement in form shown and the potential explosive power of their heavy sticks, the artillerymen are a certainty to shift further front and blast down some of the too cocky enemy.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team Standings after two months of play—

LADIES' DIVISION		
Team	Won	Lost
Wahoos	5	0
Squaws	3	2
South China	3	2
Pool To	2	3
Pandas	2	3
CAA	0	5

JUNIOR DIVISION		
Team	Won	Lost
Dodgers	5	0
Pandas	2	1
Blackhaws	2	1
Comets	2	2
Gillies	1	2
35 Bantams	0	3
CAA	0	3

SENIOR "A" DIVISION		
Team	Won	Lost
Delawares	6	1
Ameritans	5	1
Blackhaws	4	2
Roxes	3	2
Red Sox	2	4

SENIOR "B" DIVISION		
Team	Won	Lost
South China	3	1
Braves	3	1
Warriors	3	1
St. Joseph's	4	2
Pandas	2	3
Madcaps	2	3
Jaguars	2	4
U.S. Navy	1	3
CAA	1	3

Wildfires		
Team	Won	Lost
Warriors	2	4
Pandas	1	5

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Warriors	2	4
Pandas	1	5

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket and soccer fixtures this week-end:

CRICKET

Kowloon C.C. vs. Hong Kong C.C. "Gentlemen" at Cox's Bazaar, Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—S.V. Gilling, W.M. Davidson, P.V. Dodge, N. Hart, Baker, J. L. Lee, C. H. Wong, K. Lo, Muldoon, G.E. Taylor, C.S. Ramage, F.R. Zimmern, Umpire—V. P. R. Quincey. Score:—P.R. Ramage.

Club de Recreio 2nd XI vs. Army at Kings' Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—M.N. Silva, E. Remedios, R.A. Remedios, L.J. Remedios, C.A. Remedios, J.A. Remedios, M. Gutierrez, J. Soares, C.A. Vyanovich, H.F. Ozorio, E.M. Rosario.

Deckard Recreation Club vs. King George V School at King's Park on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—C.H. Hughes (Capt.), J.V. Kingston, R. Knapp, W.J. B. Lewis, S. J. Harries, W. James, D. Sutcliffe, R. Maddox, S. F. Ade, N. Horwood, D.L. Umpire—V. P. R. Quincey. Score:—R.R. Cooper.

Indian R.C. 1st XI vs. Hong Kong C.C. "Gentlemen" at Kings' Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—A.R. Kitchell (Capt.), A.L. Abbas, F.M. W.J. B. Lewis, R. J. Harries, P.J. Billembur, A.H. Ismail, S.A. Ismail, S.H. Khan, A.M. Omar, A.R. Ramjani, M.J. Senad, Umpire—G.M. Butt. Score:—A.M. Wahab.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI vs. Dicsenon Boys' School at Soekunoo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—M. A. Wahab (Capt.), R. A. Abbas, S. A. Bux, S. F. Ade, T. E. Chiba, A. R. Razack, A. R. Razack, M. Yaqub Samad, M. Yaqub Samad, R. N. Omar, Score:—H. T. Barma.

Hongkong Football Club 1st XI vs. Kit Chee at Causeway Bay on Saturday, Kick-off at 4 p.m.—Millar, Armstrong, Anderson, McDermott, Tarpey, McGinness, McDonald, Keane, Gardner, Watson, Umpire—W. J. B. Lewis.

Hongkong Football Club 2nd XI vs. Kit Chee at Causeway Bay on Saturday, Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.—Cotton, Ward, Low, Vaughan, Poynton, Barker, White, Umpire—Sargent, R. Anderson, Needell.

British Girls Win At Rio

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 19. The British girls, Miss Susan Partridge and Miss Helen Fletcher, won the women's doubles title in the international tennis tournament here yesterday. In the final they beat Miss Milly Anderson (France) and Miss Soile Clima de Breu (Brazil) by 6-0 and 6-1.

Miss Fletcher also won the mixed doubles final. Partnered by Philippe Washer (Belgium), she beat Miss Partridge and Armando Viera (Brazil) by 6-3 and 6-2—Reuters.

NSW CHAMPIONSHIP. Sydney, Nov. 19. Melvyn Rose, Australia's left-handed Davis Cup player, defeated Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, today in the quarter-final of the New South Wales tennis championship, ensuring an all-Australian semi-final round in the tournament which Seixas won last year.

Rose will meet Ken McGregor and Frank Sedgman will meet Ken Rosewell in the semi-finals on Thursday.—Associated Press.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Cardiff Have A Grand Fighting Spirit But Need A Schemer

By DENNIS HART

When Cardiff City gained promotion to the First Division last season, there was jubilation in Wales. It was an event which the men of the 'Land of My Fathers' had awaited since 1929 when the City were relegated.

But the rejoicings were tinged with anxiety. How would the team fare? Could they stand the pace of the First Division? And what about that away record? These questions cast shadows across the minds of even fervent supporters.

For Cardiff owed their promotion to a last minute slip in the race by Birmingham, and to a brilliant home record. Thirty-eight of the fifty-one points which enabled them to pip Birmingham on goal average came from the twenty-one home games. They only won two of their away matches.

With over a third of the League fixtures completed, it is now possible to take stock, to see how far these fears were justified.

The over-all conclusion, I think, is that the fears had grounds, but can now be dispelled. Cardiff have settled down in their new status, and while they may not become a power in soccer this season, they should at least acquit themselves creditably.

For they have a quality which, in soccer, overcomes all, a quality which has been instrumental in the success of the Arsenal, the grand fighting spirit. The spirit which makes every man strive to give more than his best.

WELSH FERVOUR

They play with typical Welsh fervour, for the honour of their country. Even the non-Welsh players feel it.

A striking example of this spirit was shown at Stamford Bridge recently. There, despite losing half Glyn Williams midway through the second half—a victim of a broken leg—Cardiff beat Chelsea by 2-0 to record their second away victory of the season.

Chelsea themselves have become known for the rest they put into their play. And they began the match against Cardiff as though they would sweep the opposition off their feet. But Cardiff were not swept off their feet; they were inspired.

Roy Bentley, Chelsea's ace, was played right out of the picture, and Cardiff's centre-half Montgomery dominated the centre of the field.

When Chelsea did break through, Cardiff defended their castle to the last ditch. Goalkeeper Howells played like a hero. He never hesitated to dive into a melee of players. On this form he will represent a challenge to Shortt, of Plymouth Argyle, for the position in the Welsh International side.

The comparison between Cardiff and Arsenal does not end with the spirit of the teams. It can be carried to the players. The defence are moulded on similar lines.

On one occasion against Chelsea, during a series of corners by the home side, Cardiff packed their goal in the best Arsenal manner. There were three men besides the goalkeeper on the line, and Montgomery, headed to a certain scoring effort. To the Chelsea forwards the goal must have looked as impenetrable as the Rock of Gibraltar.

"ARSENAL" FLAVOUR

It was following this hectic period that Cardiff opened their score. And there was a distinct "Arsenal" flavour about it. Defence was turned into attack through a quick break-away.

Before the Chelsea defence could recover outside left Edwards fastened on to a pass by centre-forward Northcott and in

a sixty yard dash rounded right back Harris, and scored from an oblique angle.

The second goal can be attributed to the same cause. This time, however, inside left Chisholm was fouled in the penalty area, and Sherwood made no mistake from the spot.

There is one sphere, however, where Cardiff cannot compare with Arsenal. This is at inside forward.

They have no Logie, no one in fact to scheme. Before he broke his leg, left half Glyn Williams did what he could. But he was only doing it 'part time', when he was not marking McNicol.

Cardiff need a man to do it all the time. If they had one of all talent could be prevented from going to waste. The whole forward line would benefit. At present it is disjointed. Wingers Edwards—the best forward on the field against Chelsea—and Tiddy are forced to cut in

a shoot through lack of support. It is all right to do this occasionally, but when overdone, the move loses its effectiveness.

Centre-forward Northcott and inside left Chisholm could exploit their shooting powers if they did not have to forage so much. Northcott is only nineteen, but possesses a shrewd football brain, and has the makings of a first class player.

Inside right Sullivan tried his best, but did not come off. He could not be blamed, however, as he is the reserve team centre half.

If their fellow countrymen at Swansea could be persuaded to part with Ivor Allchurch, then Cardiff would no doubt be prepared to dig deeply into the coffers. With Allchurch in the side, the results gained from efforts put in could be increased by 50 per cent.

(London Express Service)

VALDA OSBORN SAYS 'NO' TO PRO SKATING

By BRUCE HARRIS

It is 15 years since Valda Osborn, now British figure skating champion, first wore skates. A veteran? Not she. Even now she is only 17.

Miss Osborn begins at Richmond next week a competitive season which, she and we hope, will take her not merely to the British championship again, at Streatham in December, but to that of Europe at Dortmund (Germany), and that of the world at Davos (Switzerland), both in February.

In her way towards the world title stands another 17-year-old, Tenley Albright, from U.S.A. who beat her in the same contest in Paris last season.

Year in, year out, Miss Osborn practises as diligently as any ballet-dancer, pianist or singer. Ten months of every year, five days in every week, six hours in the day, she is on the ice.

"To what does all this devotion to duty lead?" I enquired. "Are you going to adopt skating as a profession?"

"Not I," she replied. "At least not that I know of. The money? Of course, I could do with a bit more. Who couldn't? But for the present at least, I have not given the question of turning professional any consideration. Time enough if and when I reach top world class."

LANGUAGES

Miss Osborn has left school, but in addition to her study of skating she studies French and German—"so useful on my continental trips."

In the sacred cause of skating and language study, she spends five days a week away from her home at Hoo, near Rochester, living with her uncle at Hampton, near Kingston-on-Thames.

Ballet-dancing has come into her scheme of things. "I did three years of it as an aid to skating," she said. "It helps in positioning, you know."

THAT RETIREMENT

Miss Osborn's way to the top is made less difficult by retirements or changes of status. Miss Jeanette Altwegg, who won the Olympic skating championship for Great Britain, now does social work for children in Switzerland.

Miss Barbara Wyatt, whom Miss Osborn beat for the first time for the home championship, is now a professional.

So opportunity is there. Valda Osborn, tallish—5 ft. 7 in.—105 lb., dark, still school-

girlish of manner, has one interest beyond skating—pedigree pig breeding. "If there is anything that could supplant skating," she says, "it is looking after animals on a farm."

(London Express Service)

Carruthers To Give Towel Return Fight

Johannesburg, Nov. 19. Bill McConnell, trainer of the World Bantamweight Champion, Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, today signed a contract for a return bout with Vic Towel of South Africa on February 7 in Johannesburg.

Carruthers won the title by knocking out Towel, the holder, in the first round here on Saturday.

Earlier McConnell had said he would not sign the contract until Towel agreed to give Carruthers a return bout. In Australia should the South African win back the title.

He agreed to the Johannesburg fight after a conference today with Maurice Towel, the former Champion's manager, and Julius Martin, Chairman of the Transvaal National Sporting Club, the promoters.

The Towels have agreed to give Carruthers a third title fight in Australia if Vic regains the Championship. The conditions for the third meeting should it become necessary will be drawn up by legal advisers.—Reuters.

League Badminton

Tytam Display Good Early Form In "C" Division

By "ARGONAUT"

Tytam displayed good early form in the Men's "C" Division Badminton League when they cleared their first hurdle yesterday by edging out Kowloon Tong by six sets to three.

Both teams are regarded among the top four in the division this year, and the match between them produced a pleasingly high standard of badminton.

It was a close fight all the way until 4-3, when first ranking Kowloon Tong pair K. F. Lam and William Mui faltered in their match against Tytam's No. 2 pair, C. H. Wong and B. Arculli. Their 13-21 defeat made a decider unnecessary.

Consisting wholly of youngsters, among whom were the two schoolboy players, Ko Wai-bong and U Sel-lip, Tytam were distinctly superior in the doubles in which they won all their four sets. Both their pairs showed dazzling recovery from 0-14 to powerfully snatches were on the aggressive all throughout.

Kowloon Tong held a slight edge in the singles by virtue of their greater steadiness and experience. Dr. F. F. Tai was the most prominent player for Kowloon Tong, winning both his singles sets, and the third singles player, Jimmy Poon, was responsible for his side's only other win.

THE PLAY

Ko Wai-bong gave Tytam an early lead by defeating left-hander Freddy Chen 15-13 after leading 6-1, 8-4 and 12-7. Chen made a splendid recovery from 0-14 to come up to 13-14, but served out his next service and conceded the set point to a good sideline smash by Ko.

U Sel-lip, the Tytam representative, showed signs of nervousness in the next singles match when he frequently fell into errors to allow Dr. H. F. Tai to lead by 8-2.

Playing more steadily, he recoiled off seven points in a row and went on to lead 12-8 and 14-10. He was faulted at this point for moving before the service and before he could recover, Tai had forced the set to deuce and from 15-15 took the game to set at 17-15.

The third singles with a close game all the way with Buddy Arculli succumbing more to his own errors to lose to Jimmy Poon by 15-18.

The doubles between the two first pairs, K. F. Lam and William Mui and U Sel-lip and Ko Wai-bong, reached 9-11 in a close start. The Kowloon Tong pair went ahead 12-9, but could not stop the youngsters from taking the next 10 points as they struck a brilliant patch in their all-out offensive game to finally clinch the set by 21-15.

Excellent net play by C. H. Wong and blistering smashes by Buddy Arculli from the base enabled the Tytam pair to take the next set from Freddy Chen and Jimmy Poon to take the lead in the set score by 3-2.

Kowloon Tong came back to level the score at 2-3 in the game which up to 12-9, but could not shade steeper than Ko Wai-bong, particularly in his net shots and retrieving of smashes.

U Sel-lip, by now fully recovered from his nervousness, played a grand singles game in the 7th game of the evening. Cleverly drawing up his opponent to the forehand front court and attacking the backhand bad corner, he maintained his advantage to 11-0. Chen came back spiritedly to draw level to 12-12 but faltered after that to lose by 12-15.

When a decider appeared imminent, Buddy Arculli and C. H. Wong struck fine form to recover from 2-6 to 15-8 and win the set and match comfortably for Tytam.

The best exhibition of the night came in the last set of the evening. With the match already won, the two youngsters, U Sel-lip and Ko Wai-bong, staged a whirlwind attacking game worthy of an "A" Division match to outpace and outsmash their older opponents by 21-10.

POLICE MAKE DEBUT. The newly formed Police "Blues" team, though losing to a strong Hongkong University

The games, which have been sponsored by the Western District Kung Fong Welfare Association in conjunction with the Social Welfare Office, are being played to raise funds for the new Portuguese School to be constructed at Cox's Road, Kowloon, and the Western District Kung Fong Welfare Association.

Since its formation in December 1949, the Western District Kung Fong Welfare Association, of which Mr. Li Shu-fan is Chairman, has established a number of free schools and medical clinics for the poor. In addition to providing free medical treatment, the Association has also provided patients with free medicine.

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Reserve—Furno (goalkeeper), Muzio (centre-half), Serrano (outside-right) and Mesquita (outside-left).

Officials—Mendes (Manager), Messia Marica and Capucho, Treasurer and Committee member of the Macao Miniature Football Association, will also be accompanying the team.

The Chinese YMCA basketball team lost the visiting Singapore team by 49-47 in the Chinese YMCA, Kowloon, last night.

The game was a hard fought one, and the Singapore cagers proved quite a threat throughout almost the entire game. Half-time score was 21-20 in favour of the local team.

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THE SCORES. MEN'S "C" DIVISION. Kowloon Tong 3—Tytam 6. F. C. Chan (KTC) lost to Ko Wai-bong 13-15; lost to U Sel-lip 12-15.

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K. F. Lam and William Mui (KTC) lost to Ko and U 15-21; lost to C. H. Wong and B. Arculli 13-21.

J. Poon and F. C. Chan (KTC) lost to Ko and U 15-21; lost to Wong and Arculli 14-21.

POLICE "B" 1—HKU 8. C. L. Hui (Police) beat Gilbert Thye 15-11; lost to Leung Sul-ki 7-15.

D. Dickson (Police) lost to Thye 3-15; lost to Leung 4-15. J. Grieve lost to Lim Yan-hoe 2-15.

J. Grieve and C. L. Hui lost to Teo Teow-lak and Rhony Lim 10-21; lost to Leung Sul-ki and Lim Yan-hoe 11-21.

T. Reynolds and D. Dickson lost to Teo and Lim 17-21; lost to Leung and Lim 6-21.

MEN'S "C" DOUBLES. KOOPA 8—CYMCA 1. P. C. Chau and H. K. Ng (KOOPA) beat W. To and E. Kwok 21-17; beat S. W. Chan and A. Y. Wal 21-10; lost to Siu Chun and Ho Wal 22-23.

K. L. Hui and P. H. Lau (KOOPA) beat To and Kwok 21-12; beat Chan and Wal 21-12; beat Siu and Ho 21-10.

K. H. Lo and K. T. Fung (KOOPA) beat To and Kwok 21-17; beat Chan and Wal 21-19; beat Siu and Ho 21-17.

Africans To Play Small Ball Series Here. A rare treat is in store for local soccer fans next week when a team of African soldiers from the Macao Garrison visit this Colony for a series of games against Hongkong Chinese teams in a Charity Miniature Football Competition.

These games will, through the co-operation of the Royal Navy, be played on the Navy football ground at Causeway Bay on Wednesday, November 20, and Thursday, November 27.

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GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

FA Should Reserve 60,000 Cup Tickets For The Finalists

London.

If you happen to be a spiv, racketeer, confidence man, or get-rich-quick merchant, you will not be too acutely interested in the distribution of Cup Final tickets. You will doubtless have made your own private sheep-clipping arrangements long ago.

Nor will you be worrying over much if you move in social circles. In those circumstances, you have only to pull the appropriate string to secure comfortable accommodation at Wembley on May 2, 1953.

And, madame can take her knitting if she thinks that, having enjoyed her glimpse of the Royal Box, she would be wasting the rest of her afternoon if she had to pay attention to the game.

So far as Cup Finals are concerned, the shurpicks, socialites, spongers and all others within the meaning of the Old Pals Act are IN. The common or garden football follower stands an excellent chance of being OUT. Apparently, the Football Association can do nothing about it. Or can they?

Each year the Cup Final packs in 100,000 spectators, which, at the most conservative of estimates, is about one-fifth of the number who would like to be there—died-in-the-wool fans, steadfast supporters of the game through thick and thin and wind and weather.

LEAN RATION

Of those 100,000 tickets, only 12,000 are allocated to each of the finalists, which might be considered a pretty lean ration when the teams concerned are clubs like last season's performers—Arsenal and Newcastle.

Each of these packs an average "gate" of 50,000 for every home game throughout the season, and yet, come Cup Final day, these sturdy regulars are left on the outside, and NOT looking in.

I suggest, too, that the FA should reserve at least 60,000 of their tickets to be shared between the two finalists at the expense of those minor clubs who, under the present distribution scheme, are enabled to eat more than 40,000 pieces of the Cup Final cake each season.

I suggest, too, that the FA become a little more generous in their payments to Cup Final teams.

APPEARANCE MONEY

At the moment, a member of the winning side adds £20 to the £35 he has drawn for appearances from Round Three, the stage at which the big game of the League first Cup Final is played. Losing finalists stay put at £35—and get nowt for Wembley.

So what happens? So Cup Final players manage to "acquire" bunches of tickets—and how they dispose of same is apparently no business of yours or mine.

Cut out these under-the-counter, round-the-corner transactions. Give all 22 Cup Final players £100 each, exclusive of appearances in previous rounds—and I think you will then find them becoming less and less interested in undignified deals in "black" tickets.

The Cup Final used to be a game—now it is one of the most flagrant rackets in sport. There must be SOME way of rescuing it.

My own remedies may not look too bright from where you are standing. If you have any more sparkling ideas to offer let me hear them. But don't tell me that all 100,000 tickets should be allocated to Chelsea!

BOXING PRESTIGE

It seems we were wrong when we supposed that the Boxing Board of Control had accepted without demur Randolph Turpin's resignation as Middleweight Champion of Europe. Instead, their reaction was to ask Turpin's manager, George Middleton, to reconsider the "stable" decision and to carry on with a defence of the title against Jacques Royer-Crecy, of France.

Could it be the board are anxious to maintain the prestige of the European Boxing Union, of which they are constituent members, and are not frightfully keen on having Turpin discard his European championship like a used-up sparmate?

And could it be that their chairman, J. Onslow Fane, had these matters in mind when he talked to DBU dignitaries in Paris last week?

Whatever their feelings, I fear the board will have to make up their minds that Turpin has made up his mind. To Turpin, a European championship fight with Royer-Crecy represents little more than an impediment to world title plans. Therefore, his "resignation" sticks.

BY GEORGE . . .

How were that Surrey couple to know that the person who married them on a Saturday was required to play rugby that afternoon for an Essex XV against Old Alleynians—and therefore performed the ceremony wearing football kit under his surplice?

This is what I call doing good by stealth—and I bet that person would blush to find it fame.

(London Express Service)

CHAMPIONS ARE MADE IN GREAT WINDMILL STREET

CENTRE OF 'MR. BOXING'S' WORLD-WIDE EMPIRE

By DENNIS HART

There has been an addition to the 'sights of London' Overseas tourists after visiting St Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and the Tower now often call at 41 Great Windmill Street.

Not that Great Windmill Street has historical interest or beauty. Indeed the street, like most of the others in London's Soho district, is small, narrow and dismal. And the entrance of No. 41, in keeping, is unimpressive, almost in hiding.

But this unpretentious facade masks one of the most important centres of the sporting world, Jack Solomons' Gymnasium, the heart of Britain's boxing.

It is from the small oblong-shaped office leading off the gym that "Mister Boxing" rules his Empire. An Empire that stretches round the world. It is in the spacious arm-chairs that managers sit, championship fights are arranged, and contracts signed. And it is from one of the three telephones on his oak desk that Jack puts through the numerous transatlantic calls which help make up his yearly telephone bill to £2,500.

Small though it is, this office contains, too, the boxing world's 'National Gallery'. Pictures of the fighting great cover almost every inch of the four walls.

There are all paintings of champions past and present; Freddie Mills, Dan Sayers, Randolph Turpin, Sugar Ray Robinson, alongside one of Jack himself. There are hundreds of photographs, some of boxers, and others, over a yard long, of Jack's big open air promotions at White City and Tottenham Hotspur Football Ground.

Even the ash tray, resting place of the famous Solomons' cigar, is fashioned in the shape of a boxing glove.

With its soft plush carpet, the room has that 'homey' atmosphere. This is not surprising, for when I asked Jack how much time he spent here, he replied simply: "It would be simpler to ask me how much time I spent at home."

For Jack gets to his headquarters at about nine o'clock every morning, after having already done a couple of hours on the 'phone at home. And he is there often until ten or eleven o'clock at night.

NO COMPLAINTS

But Jack, smiling expansively, does not complain. A promoter for over twenty years, he lives for boxing.

It was his love for the game that first prompted him to open the gym just after the war. For then, boxing, in common with other sports in Britain, was desperately short of training facilities, especially for the youngsters. And Jack, whose ambition "it is to put British boxing on the map, decided that it would take more than just promoting big shows. The youngsters had to be given every chance to become good.

At his gym, they are given just that. For a fee of 2/6d any boxer can come along and have full use of the excellent facilities, the ring, the punch-balls, and

Jack has staged many great promotions, fights for British, Empire and world titles. Before leaving I asked him what he considered had been his greatest show. "It's still to come," he replied, "a fight for the heavy-weight championship of the world."

Who knows, perhaps one of these lads will one day give him the chance to stage it.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders issued by Comm. D. W. MacIntosh, C.M.G., C.B., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District Order No. 47/52 dated November 20, 1952.

Ambulance Duties—Hong Kong.
23.11.52 to 20.11.52, Chung Sing Division; 20.11.52 to 23.11.52, Eastern Division.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon.
23.11.52 to 30.11.52, K.Y.M.C.A. Division; 1.12.52 to 7.12.52, Mongkok Division.

Penetration Squad Duties—Sun.
23.11.52, Dr. Lam Shing-kui & Waterloo Nig. Div.; Sun. 20.11.52, Dr. Lau Oo-ku & Waterloo Nig. Div.

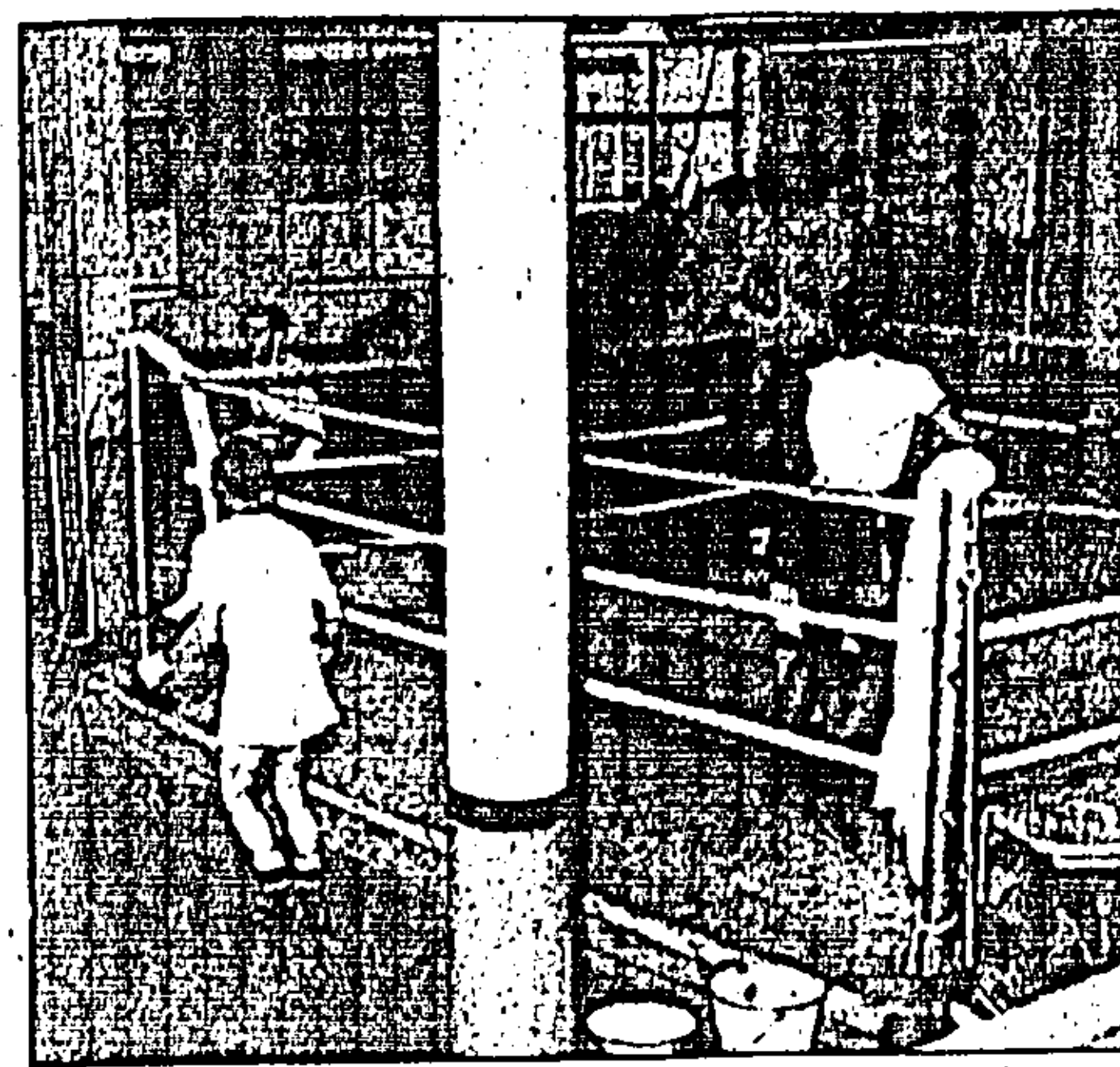
Duties—Hong Kong.
23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Navy, Chung Sing; 23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Club, Waterloo Nig. Div.; 23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Kennedy Town; 23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Sookunpo, H.K.M.C.A.

Football Duties—Kowloon.
23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Boundary St., Shamshuipo; 23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Shaukiwan Div. (Course), Sh. Nam Div. (H.Q.); 23.11.52, 2.30 p.m., Kowloon Div. (Course), Waterloo Nig. Div. (H.Q.).

Penetration Squad Duties in December.
Nursing Division will be relieved of Penetration Squad Duties in December, which will be voluntarily taken over by H.K.M.C.A. Nursing Division under the Command of D/S, So Wai-sau, Ping-kan, O.S.J., Assistant Commissioner, Colony Headquarters.



Smiling from behind his cigar, promoter Solomons makes one of the calls that run his annual telephone bill up to £2,500.—Express Photo.



In the gymnasium all is action as boxers from all parts of the world prepare for their next fights.—Express Photo.

Two Words Give Accurate Diagnosis Of Australia's Rugby League Test Defeat

An accurate diagnosis of Australia's defeat in the second Rugby League Test at Swinton a few days back would certainly contain the two words "Ernest Ward."

The 32-year-old Bradford Northern skipper was the hero of an inspired display by the Great Britain team which finished once and for all Australian hopes of retaining the Ashes they had won two years ago.

Now, with only one Test remaining, England have a clear lead. And on form they should win the remaining game in the series.

With his clever kicking, intelligent running and brilliant scheming, Ward had a hand in all five British tries, two of which he scored. The Australians were outwitted by a master footballer playing his greatest game in twenty Test appearances.

Ward started his Rugby career at the age of 14 when he joined the Dewsbury boys' team. In his first season he was an immediate success and finished top scorer for his club with over 200 points.

The following year he captained the Yorkshire and East Riding Boys' Team. As soon as he became of age, when he was 19, he signed professional forms for the Bradford Northern club and played his first professional game for them against Swinton at Odsal Stadium.

Five years later he played in his first League International for England against Wales. The following year he joined the forces.

He represented the Army XV and Services XV at full-back and centre-three-quarter, showing

PAN-AMERICAN ROAD RACE

Oaxaca, Mexico, Nov. 18.

The French speed demon, Jean Beiza, took the lead in the 997.00 Pan-American road race of the end of the first lap today.

Behra, piloting a powerful Gordini sports car, clipped 20 miles off the record as he sped 336 miles through mountain from Tuxtla Gutierrez to Oaxaca at 91 miles per hour average.—United Press.

World Amateur Billiard Ch'ship At Calcutta

Calcutta, Nov. 19.

Ameen Yunus of Burma arrived here today for the World Amateur Billiard Championship which starts on Friday.

He meets India's Champion, Wilson Jones, on the opening day.

Robert Small of Australia, the holder, will defend his title.

The other players competing are Leslie Driffield of England, Walter Ramsay of Scotland and Chandra Kirjee of India.—Reuters.

Dunn Transferred

Wolverhampton, Nov. 19.

Jimmy Dunn, Wolverhampton Wanderers' inside forward, who was placed on the transfer list at his own request five days ago, has joined Derby County at a fee of about £12,000.—Reuters.

Rugger Results

London, Nov. 19.

Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lancashire 11, Australians 33

RUGBY UNION

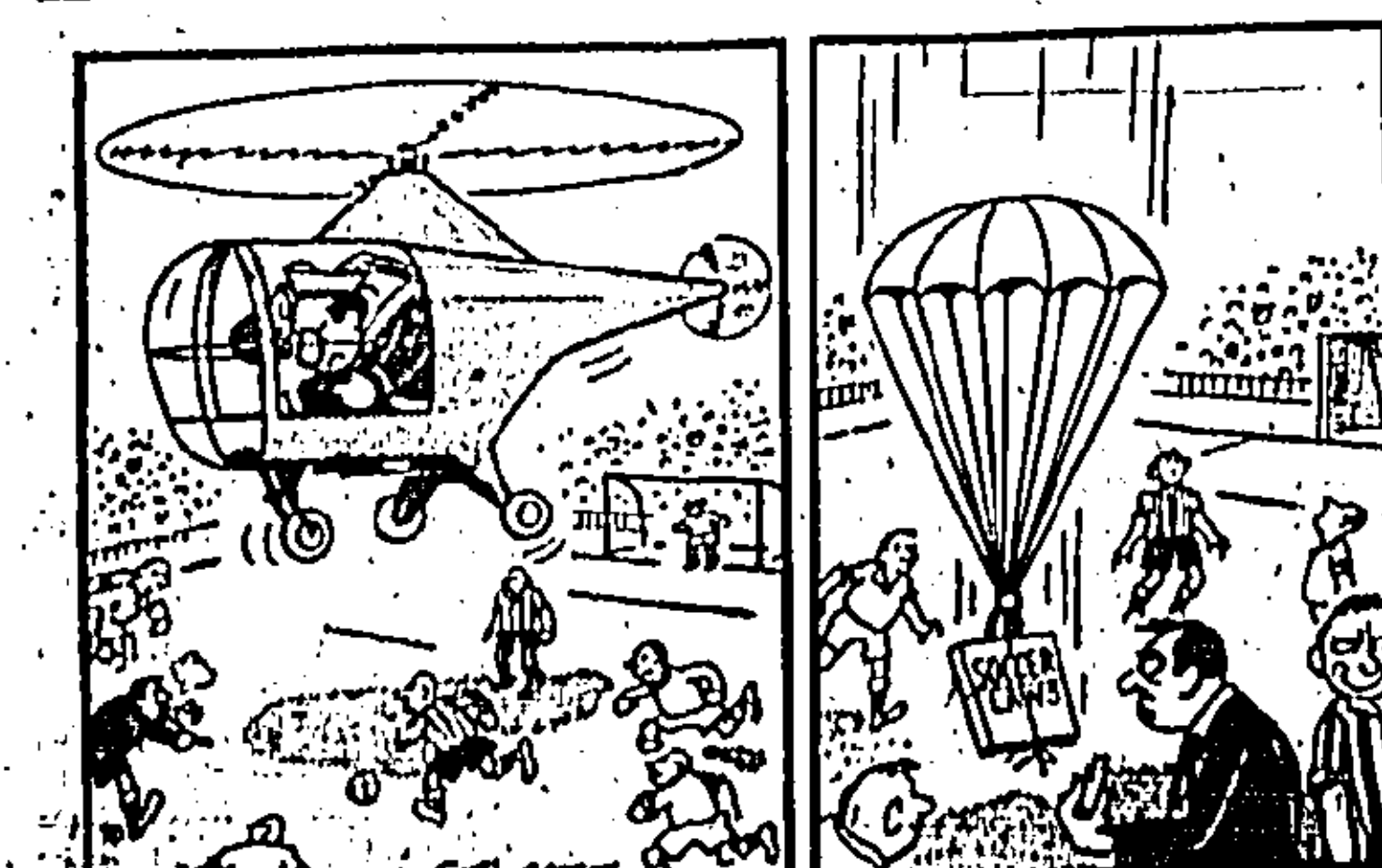
Surrey 15, Kent 0

Hampshire 0, Eastern Counties 13.—Reuters.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Nov. 19.

The Royal Air Force beat Civil Service 4-2 in a soccer match today. A Football Association team beat Oxford University 4-2.—Associated Press.



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FIFTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 22nd November, 1952.

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

There are 8 races. The First Bet will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$10.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Peares Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 21st November, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Agular Street, Hong Kong

or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at 10 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tifins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Jockies in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,

H. MISA,

Secretary.

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SAILINGS TO		
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 22nd Nov.
"PAKHOT"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 25th Nov.
"HUPH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 25th Nov.
"FUNG"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m. 26th Nov.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 26th Nov.
"BOOCHOW"	Keelung	Noon 29th Nov.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 2nd Dec.
"YUCHOW"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 6th Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 8th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	10 a.m. 9th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Tientsin	8 a.m. 10th Dec.
"HUPH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 15th Dec.

Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM		
"HUPH"	Tientsin	21/22nd Nov.
"PAKHOT"	Kobe	a.m. 22nd Nov.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	a.m. 23rd Nov.
"FUNG"	Kobe	23rd Nov.
"BOOCHOW"	Sandakan	26th Nov.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 27th Nov.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	30th Nov.
"YUCHOW"	Yokohama & Singapore	30th Nov.
"FUNG"	Japan	4th Dec.

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SAILINGS TO		
"CHANGSHIA"	Sydney & Melbourne	2nd Dec.
"ANKING"	Japan	4th Dec.
"TAIPING"	Japan	8th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM

"ANKING"	Australia & Tarakan	30th Nov.
"CHANGSHIA"	Kobe	30th Nov.
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	5th Dec.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

"ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool, Dublin & Avonmouth	25th Nov.
"AUTOLYCUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	28th Nov.
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Dec.
"ASTYANAX"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	24th Dec.
"CLYTHEUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Dec.

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G. "CLYTHEUS" Rotterdam	24th Nov.
G. "ASTYANAX" do	30th Nov.
G. "PERSEUS" do	7th Dec.
G. "AENEAS" do	17th Dec.
G. "ASCANIUS" 18th Nov.	24th Dec.
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"BENVORLICH" Japan	15th Dec.
"BENRINNES" U.K. via Singapore	18th Dec.
"KING MALCOLM" U.K. via Singapore	30th Dec.

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"BENAVON" Direct to Singapore, thence London, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hull.	9th Dec.
"BENVORLICH" Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	16th Dec.
"BENREOCH" Kure, Kobe and Yokohama.	18th Dec.
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Blazing Trail Of New Polar Route For Civil Airlines

Los Angeles, Nov. 19. The trail blazer of a new Polar air route to Scandinavia soared away to the Northeast today. It is the Arild Viking, a new Douglas DC-6B bearing the dragon insignia of the Scandinavian Airlines System.

It cleared the runway at International Airport here at 4.40 p.m. GMT (12.40 a.m. HKT Thursday) for a flight to Copenhagen, Denmark, via Thule Air Base, Greenland. Aboard were 22 passengers and a flight staff of 13.

The Ambassadors from Denmark and Norway—Henrik de Kauffman and Wilhelm M. de Morgenstjerne—headed the list of passenger dignitaries, including Colonel Bert Balchen, Norwegian-born Director of Installations for the U.S. Air Force, and Frederick B. Lee, Deputy Civil Aeronautics Administrator.

The 24½ hour flight will cover a minimum of 6,852 miles. The North magnetic Pole is to be passed between Edmonton and Thule, where the flight will make stops of two hours each. Estimated arrival time is 10 p.m. tomorrow, Copenhagen time.

The flight, trail-blazing a new route which SAS plans to install as soon as U. S. and Canadian Government approval is received, will be made at 15,000 to 20,000-foot elevation. Captain Povl Jensen, a Dane, and Captain Sven Gibson, Swede, will handle the controls, with Captain Alfred Frandsen, Norwegian, as alternate.

SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT
Col. Balchen, Arctic veteran who did the exploratory work leading to the establishment of the Thule base, did not foresee any particular difficulties involved in the flight as long as the plane can be warmed at heated hangars at Edmonton and Thule.

The Air Force has flown more than 60,000 hours in the Arctic without mishap, Col. Balchen said. The plane carries special instruments and survival equipment, plus the first 500 pounds of mail to fly over the Pole.

ADVISERS FROM THE COLONIES

London, Nov. 19.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, will have seven Colonial advisers with him at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference beginning here on November 27, the Colonial Office announced today.

The Federation of Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore will be represented by Mr. A. Gilmour, Secretary of Economic Affairs of the Singapore administration.—Reuter.

India To Make Jets

New Delhi, Nov. 19.

India will shortly make Vampire jets. The Hindustan Aircraft factory in Bangalore, which assembles British-made Vampires, will switch to manufacture next year.—Reuter.

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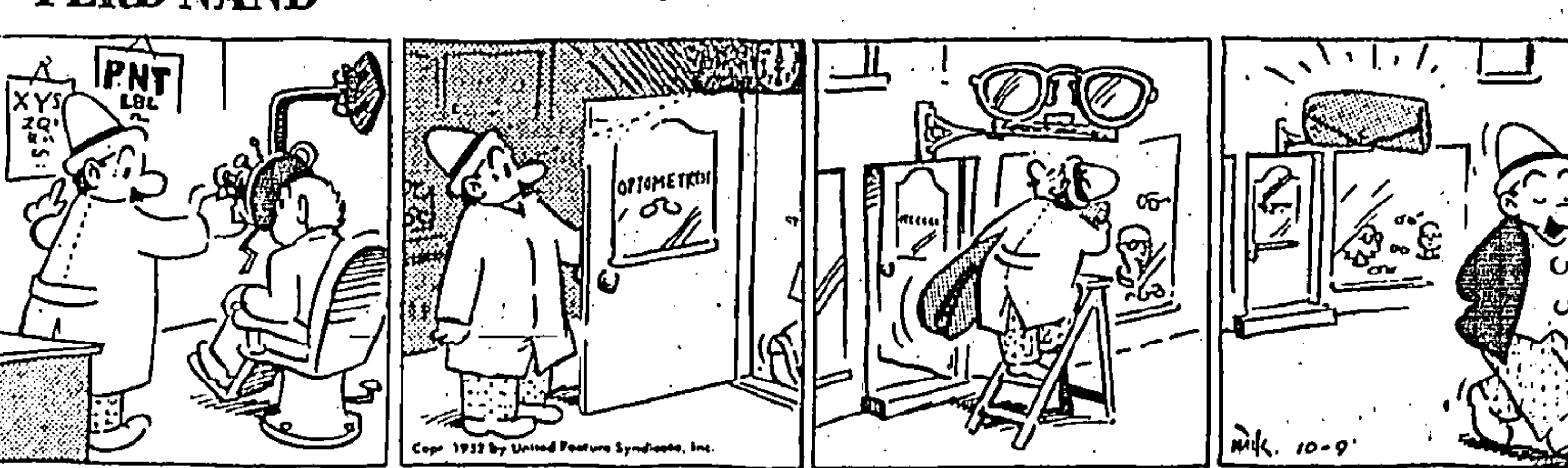
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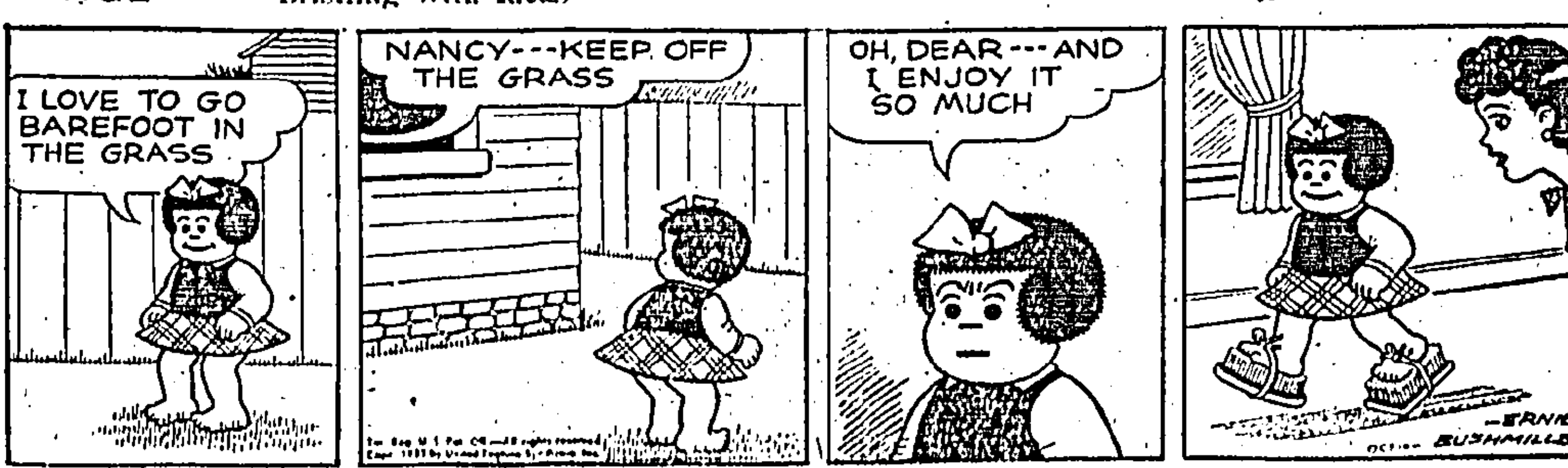
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Afghans Climb Down

New Delhi, Nov. 19.

Reliable reports reaching here today from Kabul said Afghanistan has suspended temporarily oil exploitation in the provinces adjoining its touchy neighbour, the Soviet Union.

Russia has complained about Afghanistan's development programme to which the United States and the United Nations are contributing money and technical aid. Thus far Afghanistan has rejected the Soviet protests.

But the latest reports from Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, said that the Afghans halted work on the oil programme because of failure to receive requested assurance of support from the U.S. and Britain in the event that rejection of the Soviet protests brings a more hostile move from the Russians.

Information from Kabul said the Afghans, after rejecting what amounted to a Soviet ultimatum over the development of Northern Afghan regions, asked Washington through regular diplomatic channels to give Afghanistan assurances that the U.S. is ready to support this tiny nation if greater Soviet pressure is applied.

"After three months we had no assurances from the Western powers," the reports quoted one high Afghan official, "so we decided to hold up the development of petroleum in our Northern provinces until we were certain where we stood." —Associated Press.

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Arriving	Leaving	Onward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Yokohama & Kobe
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"ST-MARCOUF" Keelung Nov. 18	Nov. 18	N. Africa & Europe
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American Business Optimism Over Trading Prospects

New York, Nov. 19.

American businessmen apparently do not share the fears of some of their European counterparts that the new Republican Administration may hurt world trade. Reports from a number of trade organizations and individuals indicate general optimism for future American business beyond its borders under President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"Although opinions differ on what U.S. foreign trade policy will be under the incoming Republican Administration and the effect on exports and imports, enthusiasm for Mr. Eisenhower among foreign traders would indicate that there is little fear of a return to any form of isolationistic protectionism," the Commerce and Industry Association of New York said.

The Association predicted the new Congress may scrutinize American trade agreements, but added:

"Most foreign traders apparently believe that whatever contrary views there may be among Republican members of Congress, the international outlook of Mr. Eisenhower, as the leader whose personal triumph in the election brought the Party back into power, will prevail."

The Association has urged Congress to provide a liberal foreign trade policy that will avoid a destructive trade war of retaliation with other countries. The organization noted that five nations—the Netherlands, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and Canada—have claimed injury because of United States import restrictions.

The International Statistical Bureau also said the trade structure may be studied closely by the new Administration, but

predicted there will be fewer changes in tariff rates than under previous Republican administrations. "Tariffs will be closely tied in with the desire for greater world co-operation," said the Bureau.

TWO-WAY STREET

Mr. Eisenhower has acknowledged that trade is "a two-way street," and that "we must accept in imports the things that are going to pay for the exports we want and vice versa."

Most traders appear confident the new President will shun any moves toward isolationism or high-tariff protectionism. "Some business circles cite a growing awareness that America must accept one of three hard choices: She must import more or export less, or subsidize other countries by giving them the dollars necessary to purchase American products. The trend now is away from the latter two choices and toward the first."

Some importers believe there is a good chance the new Congress will pass the customs simplification bill which has been stalled in Congress for the last two years.

Another proposal would create an American "court of claims" to compensate American producers for losses sustained through larger imports, rather than curtailing this trade through higher tariffs.—Associated Press.

Economic Activity In South Africa: Improvement Unlikely Until 1953

Johannesburg.

The slackening in economic activity during the past 15 months has produced a mood of sober reflection in South Africa. Nobody has any great expectations of a marked improvement in the business situation, at any rate, until after the next General Election.

On the other hand, competent observers of the economic scene have a suspicion that the gloomier forecasts of the immediate economic outlook must be a little exaggerated.

The present economic situation is the aftermath of the boom, which followed the devaluation of the South African pound in September, 1949, and the increase in world commodity prices after the outbreak of the Korean war.

The spectacular rise in wool, base metal and other commodity prices brought about a sharp increase in the earnings of South Africa's export industries. During 1950, for example, the value of exports (other than gold) amounted to £232m, an increase of £95m. over the previous year. During 1951 export earnings rose by a further £21m. to £253m.

The phenomenal growth in export incomes had far-reaching effects on prices, incomes and the level of economic activity. During the year 1950-51 net national income at factor cost rose to £1,070m. or by 10 per cent. This growth in incomes represents in part a monetary phenomenon, due to the continued rise in prices. Nevertheless, this period also witnessed a substantial expansion in the mining, manufacturing, agricultural, transportation, power and other constructional industries, owing to the renewed influx of funds from abroad, the greater availability of mortgage facilities and easier credit conditions.

Last year the value of building plans passed in the major urban areas, for example, amounted to some £74m. compared with £52m. in the previous year.

Commercial television in South Africa is about two years ahead of the United States, according to Walter B. Schleier, vice-president of Dayton, Price and Co., New York.

"Somewhere in Asia," he told the meeting, "every known method of sales promotion except TV is being or has been used." He mentioned window displays, outdoor billboards, neon signs, throw-aways, postcards, telephone directories, matchboxes, stalls at fairs and film shorts.

Thailand, he said, is far in advance of the South African countries in development of television. Ceylon has broken with tradition and introduced radio commercials.

"But the printed word, particularly the newspaper," he declared, "is still the backbone of sales promotion in Asia."

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American Salesmen Confer

New York, Nov. 19.

Foreign traders—American salesmen who sell everything from razor blades to oil refining equipment in the far corners of the earth—aired their mutual complaints yesterday at the 39th National Foreign Trade Convention.

They talked about lack of transport, bandit-infested roads, inferior hotels, anti-foreign laws, discriminatory customs on private business and burdensome currency restrictions, all adding up to a salesman's nightmare.

But, they agreed, penetration of foreign markets by American enterprise is at its highest peak in history.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$600,350.20. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:

BANKS	SHARERS	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1415			
East Asia	150			

INSURANCES	7.75
Union	5.10
HK Fire	140

SHIPPING	12
Waterboat	1.50
Asia Nav.	1.50

DOCKERS, ETC.	00 0215
Wharf	1000 0 0015
N. P. Wharf	20.00 21.10
Deck	1000 0 20.50
Provision	12.50 13 75 0 23.50
China Dock	1.85 3
Wholesale KD	51 23 1400 0 50
Daily	1700 0 0015
200 0 5015	

LAND, ETC.	0.55
HK Land	11.20 13.60
HK (Co)	58
HK Land	57
Shah Land	1.20
Beatty	2.2215 2.40 11000 0 2.30

UTILITIES	20.70 20.90
Train	100 0 20.70
200 0 20.90	

Star Ferry	18
C. Light (O)	0.70 0.75 3000 0 0.70
200 0 0.75	
0.70 0 0.70	
Electric (N)	0.40 0.50 2000 0 0.40
22.215 123 0 23	

INDUSTRIALS	10.30
Hops	20.10
STOKES, ETC.	10.40
Watson	22.20 25.00 000 0 22.30
L. Crawford	3115 00 31
COTTONS	2.30
Ewo	3000 0 2.30
MISCELLANEOUS	0.51
Yongtong	5 5

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Nov. 19.

Japanese bonds	
"A" (45. of 1999)	89 1/4
"B" (45. of 1910)	78 1/4
"C" (55. of 1907)	137 1/4
"D" (55. of 1934)	100
"E" (5 1/2% of 1932)	100
Consols	60 1/4

Construction activity, again, has shown an unmistakable tendency to sag from the high levels attained last year.

These economic readjustments would ordinarily have been regarded as a healthy transition to a more stable level of economic activity.

Unfortunately, they have taken place in a most unfavourable political climate.

The intensification of party political strife, which has reached a new phase, has undoubtedly accentuated the mood of hesitation of the business and investing classes.

ISSUES AT STAKE

Their anxiety flows from a clear understanding that what is at stake is not merely the principles on the basis of which the Union of South Africa came into being, but the existing system of Government.

The present hesitation of the industrial and business community to go forward or take risks has become more marked since the Government introduced its measure to deal with the "constitutional crisis."

This and other political manoeuvres for electoral advantage are causing grave disquiet in the Union. Nobody underestimates their impact on a racial situation already aggravated by the Government's Apartheid legislation.

At present this is symbolised by a campaign to "defy unjust laws."

There is also general concern at their effects on the confidence of the overseas investor. Since 1947 more than half the Union's investment programme has been financed by borrowing from abroad.

During the first six months of this year, the net inflow of funds from all sources amounted to about £40m., an increase of some £16m. compared with the corresponding period of 1951; almost half this amount appears to be due to arrangements made prior to the "constitutional crisis" for financing mining and uranium developments as well as the loan expenditure of the Government and other public authorities.

It is not the argument of this article that the Union's economy is slipping into a slump. On the contrary, economic activity is still at a high level, while the continuation of large public and private spending will prevent any sharp or sudden setback.

What is required, however, is a return to more settled political conditions and a renewal of confidence. Then, indeed, the future would hold out to the citizens of South Africa a promise of economic expansion, which could dwarf the achievements of the past.—The Financial Times.

DECLINING RESERVES

During the first seven months of the current year the value for merchandise exports amounted to about £105m. or some 5 per cent less than the amount earned during the corresponding period of 1951.

At the same time, the value of imports remained at almost the same level as in the first seven months of the previous year. The increase in the United States trade deficit, therefore, has led to a further decline in the country's gold and foreign exchange reserves.

Despite an inflow of foreign funds of almost £120m. since the beginning of 1951, exchange holdings have declined during this period by about 30 per cent to some £110m. This fall in exchange reserves had an inevitable counterpart in a decline in the "cash" of the commercial banks.

The result has been a growing stringency in the money and credit markets, which has been reinforced by a policy of credit contraction and a sharp rise in interest rates.

Deeper money, restricted loan facilities, the continued rise in domestic costs and prices, the large supply of goods in the shops, and the uncertain trend in world commodity prices, have inevitably had a restraining influence on spending.

In consumer trades, there has been a marked weakening in prices, notably in textiles and clothing, though some reversal in this trend appears to be taking place at the present time.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSIONS

British and Greek negotiators opened discussions today on compensation for shareholders of the British-owned Lake Copals Company, to be taken over by the Greek Government on December 1.

The talks had been postponed until after the Greek elections to allow the Greek mission to secure definite instructions from the new Government.

The legal adviser to the National Bank of Greece, Nikolaos Charizis, leads the official Greek delegation. The company owns 20,000 hectares of land north-west of Athens.—Router.

Cotton Industry Guaranteed

Cairo, Nov. 19.
The Egyptian Government has gone on its "limit" in agreeing to raise the guarantee to the cotton industry to £255,000,000. Finance Minister Gheila El Emry said today.
The guarantee covers special bank loans, advances up to £245,000,000 and loans by option export firms up to £10,000,000.
The Minister said the guarantee at the beginning of the season aimed at ensuring the Egyptian market stability in keeping with world prices.—Router.

General Slackness In Wool

Boston, Nov. 19.
A temporary general slackness in wool demand has now hit the market, according to the Commercial Bulletin.

"The worsted business has given no clear evidence of accumulating from the civilian side and the outlook on defence account remains uncertain."

"Asking prices for all kinds of spot wool are held firm by distributors."

"In one case, recent quotations for territory wool admittedly appear rather too high, because of indifference of buyers to the class. That is in half-bloods, with demand reported running chiefly to fine and medium wools. Half-blood has sold for \$1.50 clean and a range of quotations from that price to \$1.55 is suggested today."

"Recent business in good fine territory, on a moderate scale, has been done largely between \$1.65 and \$1.70, clean basis."

"Domestic fleeces wools are part and parcel of a general slackening in demand over the past week and a half or so. Prices are steady in a division pretty well sold."

"Pulled wools have continued to show a fair demand, at firm prices, though not at the top of our ranges as a rule."

"In a short week, interrupted by Armistice Day, we found little or nothing to report beyond the scattered business noted in domestic wools. There was no doubt a further sprinkling of 'scoured' foreign wools to woolen mills, such as a little greasy New Zealand 50.66s type at \$1.17 clean."—Associated Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Nov. 19.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	00 1/2-1 1/2
December	00 1/2-1 1/2
January	00 1/2-1 1/2
February	00 1/2-1 1/2

LONDON MARKET	
London, Nov. 19.	
Prices of rubber futures close today as follows:—	
Number 1 rubber.	
per lb./in pence	24 ³ / ₄
December	24 ¹ / ₂

LONDON MARKET

London, Nov. 19.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	24 1/2-25
December	24 1/2-25
January/February	24 1/2-25
April/June	24 1/2-25
July/September	24 1/2-25

New York Sugar

Futures

New York, Nov. 19.
World sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 higher with sales totalling 18 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 1 lower	to 2 higher with sales totalling 38 contracts.
January	3.89 nominal
March	3.89
May	3.89 bid
July	3.78 bid
September	3.78 nominal
January	3.75
Spot	3.75

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 0.6925
Sterling (per £1) 2.25
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 27.50
Siam (per 100) 27.50
Singapore (per 100) 11.75
FIC pence (per 100) 11.75

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SAILINGS	To
"TIFANAR" Nov. 22	Japan
"TOSHIKUNO" Nov. 22	Japan
"VAN HEUTEZ" Nov. 22	Japan
"TIFANAR" Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang
"TOSHIKUNO" Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang
"VAN HEUTEZ" Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang
"TIFANAR" Dec. 9	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Dec. 9	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Dec. 9	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Dec. 16	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Dec. 16	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Dec. 16	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Dec. 23	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Dec. 23	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Dec. 23	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Jan. 6	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Jan. 6	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Jan. 6	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Jan. 13	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Jan. 13	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Jan. 13	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Jan. 20	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Jan. 20	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Jan. 20	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Jan. 27	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Jan. 27	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Jan. 27	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Feb. 3	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Feb. 3	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Feb. 3	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Feb. 10	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Feb. 10	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Feb. 10	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Feb. 17	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Feb. 17	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Feb. 17	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Feb. 24	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Feb. 24	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Feb. 24	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TIFANAR" Mar. 2	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"TOSHIKUNO" Mar. 2	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
"VAN HEUTEZ" Mar. 2	Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli

ARRIVALS	From
"TIFANAR" Jan. 22	E. & S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore
"TOSHIKUNO" Jan. 22	E. & S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore
"VAN HEUTEZ" Jan. 22	E. & S. Africa, Mauritius, Singapore
"TIFANAR" Nov. 22	Japan
"TOSHIKUNO" Nov. 22	Japan
"VAN HEUTEZ" Nov. 22	Japan

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